

What's New at the Alternative Fuels Data Center

Listed below are new publications and other information made available in April and May through the U.S. Department of Energy's Alternative Fuels Data Center (AFDC), managed by the National Renewable Energy Laboratory. For more information, with questions, or to subscribe to this monthly update, contact Wendy Dafoe at wendy_dafoe@nrel.gov, or call 303-275-4470. Documents marked as “available in hard copy” can be obtained from the Clean Cities Hotline at 800-224-8437. Items with a ** are good additions to the Clean Cities Coordinator handbook.

A number of new documents and Web sites were shown at the Clean Cities conference:

Clean Cities Coalition and Coordinator Awards – highlights 2002 award-winning coalitions, plus the Outstanding Coordinator and Rookie of the Year awards:
www.ccities.doe.gov/pdfs/coalition_awards_02.pdf **

Clean Cities National Partner Awards – outlines 2002 achievements by municipalities, government agencies, and private companies:
www.ccities.doe.gov/pdfs/partner_awards_02.pdf **

The Vehicle Buyer's Guide for Consumers made its debut at the conference. This site offers a primer on alternative fuel vehicles and outlines how and where to purchase one. See it on the Web at www.ccities.doe.gov/vbg/consumers. The Hotline has a flyer summarizing the site, available on request.

Voluntary Participation Drives Oklahoma's Coalitions – A two-page account of alternative fuel activities within Oklahoma's two coalitions:
www.afdc.doe.gov/pdfs/vol_part.pdf **

Transit Users Group Supports Transit Agencies with Natural Gas Buses – A new fact sheet highlights one Tiger Team project: www.ccities.doe.gov/pdfs/tug.pdf **

A new edition of the **Handbook for Handling, Storing, and Dispensing E85** is on the Web and also available in hard copy: www.afdc.doe.gov/pdfs/ethguide.pdf.

Fueling the Future: A Challenge to Consider Concerns, Create Solutions, and Commit to Action. A newspaper-style publication that was distributed to Science Fest attendees at the conference. A hard copy is in the mail to each Coordinator. It is a companion piece to the Fueling the Future poster.

Next Generation of Natural Gas Vehicles Program Fact Sheet:
www.ctts.nrel.gov/ngngv/pdfs/ngngvp_fs.pdf

Alternative Fuels and Vehicles Offer Solutions to Imported Oil, Air Pollution, Climate Change – A useful overview of alternative fuels and vehicles:
www.afdc.doe.gov/pdfs/af_solutions.pdf.

EPAct Fleet Information & Regulations State & Alternative Fuel Provider

Program: What's New: Spring 2002 Update The State and Fuel Provider Program is publishing updates about program activity. These updates are mailed to all state and fuel provider fleets. View it on the Web at

www.ott.doe.gov/epact/pdfs/whatsnew_spring_02.pdf. Past reports are available at <http://www.ott.doe.gov/epact/resources.shtml#newsletters>. **

Hybrid Electric Transit Buses: NYCT Diesel Hybrid-Electric Buses

www.afdc.doe.gov/pdfs/nyct_diesel_hybrid.pdf. There is also a Final Data Report for this project and it's available from the Hotline. **

ACEEE's Green Book for model year 2002 can be purchased on-line at greencars.com/online.html.

Effectiveness and Impact of Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE) Standards:

<http://www.nap.edu/books/0309076013/html>.

Alternative Fuel Price Report, May 10, 2002: www.afdc.doe.gov/pdfs/afpr_5_10.pdf. **

Particle Civics: How Cleaner Air in California Will Save Lives and Save Money:

http://www.ewg.org/reports/particlecivics/particlecivics_report.pdf. It's downloadable, and hard copies are available for purchase.

Welcome to CTTS – An overview of the NREL center that supports Clean Cities and a variety of other programs and projects: www.ctts.nrel.gov/pdfs/wel_ctts.pdf.

Thermal Comfort Project: A Cool Solution to the Nation's Energy Security

Challenges – A quick read, this two-page fact sheet talks about a very cool project that will help minimize fuel use for climate control in vehicles:

www.ott.doe.gov/coolcar/pdfs/thermal_comfort.pdf